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In re Application of: Kaarsholm et al.

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Examiner: Bradley, Christina

For: Stabilised Insulin Compositions

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed June 27, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire July 27, 2006, subject to extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). A petition for a three (3) month extension of time to increase the period for reply from July 27, 2006, to October 27, 2006, is enclosed herewith to permit timely filing of this response.

The Examiner states that claims numbered 1-220 are pending in the application and claims 1-220 are subject to a restriction and/or election requirement.

The Examiner has required a restriction in this application for examination purposes to one of the following inventions:

Group I. Claims 2-57, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising insulin and a zinc-binding ligand of

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Group II. Claims 2-57, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising insulin and a zinc-binding ligand of

Group III. Claims 2-57, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising insulin and a zinc-binding ligand of

Group IV. Claims 58-104, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising insulin and a zinc-binding ligand of

Group V. Claims 58-104, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising insulin and a zinc-binding ligand of

Group VI. Claims 58-104, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising insulin and a zinc-binding ligand of

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Group VII. Claims 58-104, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising insulin and a zinc-binding ligand of

Group VIII. Claims 105-126, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising insulin and a zinc-binding ligand of

Group IX. Claims 105-126, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising insulin and a zinc-binding ligand of

Group X. Claims 105-126, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising insulin and a zinc-binding ligand of

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Group XI. Claims 127-170, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising insulin and a zinc-binding ligand of

Group XII. Claims 171-186, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising insulin and a zinc-binding ligand of

Group XIII. Claims 187-205, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising insulin and a zinc-binding ligand of

Group XIV. Claim 219, drawn to a method for stabilizing insulin.

Group XV. Claim 220, drawn to a method for treating diabetes.

Claims 1 and 205-218 are linking claims that link inventions I-XIII.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects, for examination purposes, the invention of:

Group XI. Claims 127-170, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising insulin and a zinc-binding ligand of

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Applicant additionally elects a single species, for examination purposes only, disclosed in Example 575, found on page 243, lines 1-23, of the specification as originally filed:

5-(3-Phenoxymethyl)-phenyl)-tetrazole

Applicant hereby reserves the right to file continuing or divisional applications directed to the nonelected and/or cancelled subject matter.

The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this response or application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 26, 2006

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